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Secretary of the Army visits AMC organizations

Secretary of the Army Dr. Francis J. Harvey recently toured three Army Materiel Command organizations.

At Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., depot employees explained the technology of the Replacement Frequency Modulation Order Wire System and how the bore sight operation on the Sidewinder Missile operate. At Newport Chemical Depot, Ind., Harvey toured the depot's emergency operations center and the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Harvey went on to McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla., along with Army Materiel Command Commanding General Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, to tour the Excalibur projectile facility, two defense ammunition facilities and was briefed on several successful Lean Six Sigma projects.

TARDEC employee receives NAACP award

Gregory Chappelle, Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Warren, Mich., will receive the 2006 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award for his educational outreach efforts with low-income middle school students from southeastern Michigan and for his years of dedication to the U.S. Army's eCybermission program.

The NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award is granted annually to American military or civilian personnel who have distinguished themselves by contributing to military equal opportunity programs. Chappelle will receive his honors July 18 at the 97th NAACP Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

Tobyhanna's deputy commander earns highest Army civilian award

Frank W. Zardecki, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., deputy commander, has earned the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, the highest civilian award in the U.S. Army. Secretary of the Army Dr. Francis J. Harvey presented Zardecki with the award at a Pentagon ceremony.

Zardecki has been deputy commander of Tobyhanna since 1990 and has more than 43 years of federal service, including 39 at Tobyhanna Army Depot where he started as an electronics technician.

PEO awards \$43.09 million contract for Light Utility Helicopter

Program Executive Office, Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., has awarded a \$43.09 million contract to EADS North American Defense for the production and contractor logistics support of the Light Utility Helicopter. The Army intends to procure and field a total of 322 LUHs beginning in fiscal year 2007.

AMC opens three new facilities in SWA

Three new Army Materiel Command facilities recently opened at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. An oil lab and calibration site, vehicle maintenance facility and a Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Forward Repair Activity were recognized with ribbon cuttings during a visit late June by Army Field Support Command Commanding General Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson.

Did you know ...

On April 30, approximately 11,000 defense civilians successfully converted to the National Security Personnel System. Of those, about 2,500 were Army employees. For more information on NSPS, visit

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/index.html>

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